

SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

February 9, 2016

8:30 A.M.

One-Stop Center Conference Room

PRESENT: J. Matteson, D. Barr, D. Hesler, TST BOCES; Khaki Wunderlich, TC3; Marty Gold, Challenge Workforce Solutions; T. Fiacco, ACCES-Vocational Rehabilitation; C. Crisell, OCM BOCES

STAFF: J. Mattick, J. Luu

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matteson at 8:32 and introductions followed.

Review of Committee Charge

The Committee reviewed its charge.

Services to Individuals with Disabilities Committee

The Services to Individuals with Disability Committee is responsible for advising the WIB on matters related to accessibility and the provision of disability services to One Stop customers with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The Services to Individuals with Disabilities Committee shall also provide policy guidance as it relates to services to individuals with disabilities.

The Committee:

- advocates for customers;
- raises awareness of disability as a civil rights and diversity issue;
- promotes collaboration between service providers,
- responsible to ensure that training for staff on providing supports for or accommodations to, finding employment opportunities for, individuals with disabilities, and;
- seeks ways to increase competitive integrated employment opportunities.

Members of the committee shall include:

- WIB members;
- self-advocates for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- providers of employment services, including those who employ individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in competitive integrated employment;
- representatives of national disability advocacy organizations for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- experts with a background in academia or research and expertise in employment and wage policy issues for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;
- representatives from the employer community or national employer, and;
- other individuals or representatives of organizations with expertise on increasing opportunities for competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.

The group went over services that are currently provided within the community. There was discussion about the need to disseminate information to schools, providers and employers about services that are available.

2016 WORKPLAN

Ms. Mattick distributed a tool that will be used in preparing the 2016 work plan.

The Committee outlined three goals:

- Connecting students and their families to resources/connections beyond school.
- Identify, assist, and connect individuals with learning tasks and supports available for self determination when transitioning from school
- Connect with employers about support services that can be provided

The group decided that a meeting with the One-Stop Center Manager is necessary to discuss what is currently being done both programmatically and with accessibility and then look at ways the committee can help.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 26, at 1 p.m. in the administration building at TST BOCES.

One Stop Operations Committee
February 9, 2016

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Luu